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## GREATER GOOD

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# BITTER PILL TO SWALLOW

Multiple cases registered, but permission for legal prosecution granted against only six companies so far

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A disturbing network of fake and substandard medicines has surfaced across the State, raising serious concerns over patient safety and the functioning of pharmaceutical supply chains.

Investigations by the Food Safety and Drug Administration Department (FSDA) and the State Drug Control Department have revealed that as many as 26 different medicines were detected as fake in the state over the last three years, exposing how bogus pharmaceutical companies from outside Karnataka are allegedly playing with public health for profit.

Officials said several medicines being supplied to patients were found to be lacking prescribed quality standards, while in some cases, counterfeit versions of reputed pharmaceutical brands were being circulated in the market.

Authorities believe certain pharma companies from other states

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**"Legal action has been initiated in connection with the fake medicines detected. In some cases, courts have already completed hearings and imposed punishment, while a few serious cases have been referred for deeper investigation** —Official

# He's hit a nail on the head

After collecting 20 kg of nails, Bengaluru volunteer goes low profile

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There are only a handful of known self-motivated volunteers in the city, who pick up sharp iron nails deliberately scattered on roads by local puncture shops. For a while, nails had stopped appearing on city roads, making journeys safer for motorists.

However, the issue has resurfaced, and despite repeated complaints, police officials so far have been unable to curb it. Bengaluru's nail collector, Hari Krishna, has maintained a low profile fearing for his safety. He told BM that he thinks stronger police intervention and strict action is the only solution to curb this issue.

Hari Krishna, a 57-year-old volunteer who has spent the past three years removing nails from roads to protect motorists, claims he was threatened and intimidated by unidentified individuals allegedly associated with the so-called "puncture mafia". Fearing for his safety, the volunteer has reduced his public nail-picking drives.

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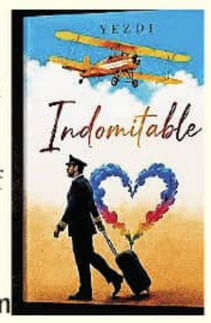
## THINGS TO DO

### 01 Roots remembered

Bhoomija presents Beeja Earth Seed, an immersive dance production by Malavika Sarukkai. Conceived as a bold artistic response to ecological crises, it evocatively explores humanity's ties to nature, memory, greed, harmony and loss. **Where: Prestige Centre for Performing Arts; When: June 6, 7 pm**

### 02 Book nook




Atta Galatta is hosting the launch of 'Indomitable', a heartfelt story of middle-class aspirations and the travails of everyday living – of family, love and laughter coupled with loneliness and death. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: June 6, 5 pm**

### 03 Chronicles of craft

Dastkar Bazaar presents its 25th edition with 160+ craft groups bringing authentic handcrafted merchandise across textiles, pottery, jewellery and wellness products. **Where: Jayamahal Palace Hotel; When: Until June 4, 10.30 am to 8 pm**

### 04 Storybook moment

The Galleria Mall has transformed into a Jungle Book-themed destination for children and families, with an immersive experience featuring larger-than -life animatronic displays of iconic characters along with workshops, performances & more. **Where: The Galleria Mall, Yelahanka; When: Until June 7, 12 pm onwards**

### 05 Outdoor exploration

Career Compass, in association with Laughing Elephants, presents an unforgettable outdoor summer camp amidst the tranquil Sharavati backwaters near Jog Falls. Designed for children and teenagers aged 10 to 18, the camp offers opportunities to explore nature and build new skills. Those interested can contact for registration: +91 98450 47991. **When: June 11 to 25**

# The diagnosis that changed many lives

## Sibling's diabetes diagnosis inspires 12-year-old to start youth-led non-profit that supports underprivileged children living with Type 1 Diabetes through awareness, advocacy and funding

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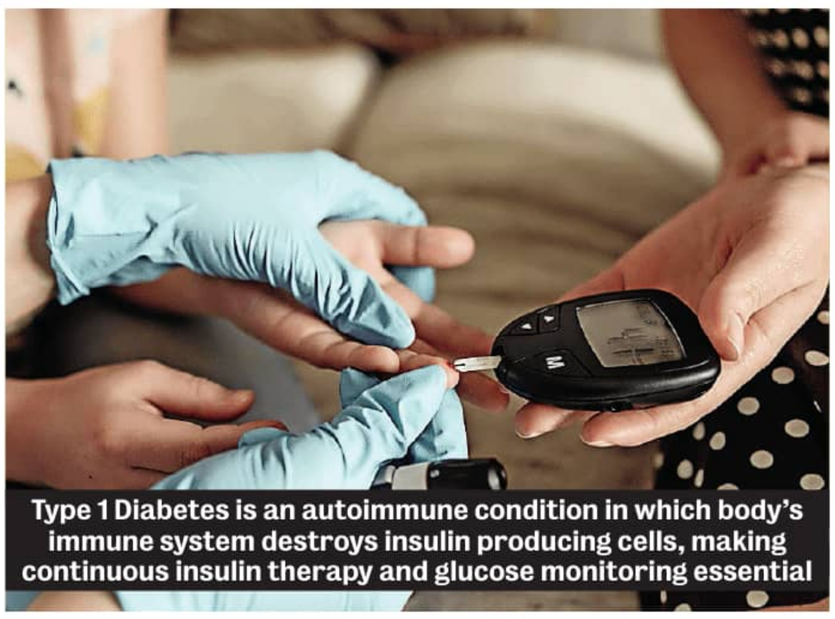

Type 1 Diabetes is an autoimmune condition in which body's immune system destroys insulin producing cells, making continuous insulin therapy and glucose monitoring essential

When Bengaluru-based Divaa Uthkarsha's younger brother Surya was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D), the news came as a shock to the family. While watching her brother take daily insulin injections, constant glucose monitoring and the emotional challenges of living with a lifelong condition, she began thinking about what happens to children from low-income families who cannot afford such care. The question led her to start Project Surya in 2021 at the age of 12. Today, at 17, Divaa leads an internationally recognised youth-led non-profit that supports underprivileged children living with Type 1 Diabetes through awareness, advocacy and funding initiatives.

What began in Bengaluru has now grown into a movement spanning 10 cities and six countries, including India, the UAE, the United States, Canada, Morocco and Nigeria.

The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) estimated that in 2019, approximately 463 million people were living with diabetes worldwide. More than 1.3 billion people will have diabetes by 2050. In 2017, there were 9 million people with Type 1 Diabetes, with 500,000 new cases every year.

Named after her younger brother, Project Surya aims to make diabetes care accessible and affordable for all. "Surya means 'Sun' in Kannada, and we wanted to brighten the lives of children living with Type 1 Diabetes, just as the sun brightens the world. Type 1 Diabetes is an autoimmune condition that requires lifelong insulin therapy. Many Indian families spend a significant portion of their income on insulin, glucose monitoring strips and syringes. For underprivileged families, these costs can be overwhelming. Through Project Surya, our young team of volunteers conduct diabetes awareness workshops, counselling sessions and community outreach programmes," said Uthkarsha.

Since its inception, Project Surya has reached more than 4.02 lakh people, educated over 19,858 students through awareness sessions and supported 3,190 children living with Type 1 Diabetes. The organisation has also trained more than 200 ASHA workers, who have subsequently reached nearly 49,500 individuals in villages.

In addition, the initiative has donated over 4,500 insulin vials and 1,000 insulin syringes while raising nearly Rs 20 lakh to support diabetes care for underprivileged children.

"We raise funds to sponsor life-saving insulin, syringes, needles and other medical resources for underprivileged Type 1 diabetic kids who need insulin to survive. We do this through crowdfunding on Milaap, fundraising events, CSR grants and funding from clubs such as Rotary and Innerwheel," she added.

Beyond funding and awareness, the organisation has actively advocated for policy changes, including tax-free insulin and greater recognition of the challenges faced by people living with Type 1 Diabetes. Project Surya has also participated in national and international forums, including the G20 Student Summit and the Activate Impact Summit at the United Nations.

Reflecting on her journey, Divaa said, "When my brother was diagnosed, I realised how fortunate we were to have access to treatment and support. I kept thinking about children whose families could not afford insulin or did not know enough about the condition. Every child deserves the chance to dream big and live a healthy life, regardless of their financial background."

**Beyond funding and awareness, organisation has also actively advocated for policy changes, including tax-free insulin and greater recognition of challenges faced by those with Type 1 Diabetes**

Her work has also earned national and international recognition, including a place in the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2026 list as the youngest honouree in the Social Impact category. She is also a recipient of the prestigious Diana Award 2023, regarded as one of the world's highest honours for young people creating social impact and was among the top 5 finalists in India for the Global Student Prize.

**That winning feeling**
RCB's new chairman Aryaman Birla (in cap), with parents Kumar Mangalam and Neerja, grandmother Rajashree and sister Ananya, along with RCB vice-chairman from The Times of India Satyan Gajwani (top right) at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Sunday

## Drunk biker found sleeping on highway

In a video shared on X, an allegedly intoxicated man was seen sleeping on his motorcycle on a busy highway. The incident was captured by a biker and showed the rider slumped over his bike near a concrete barrier as traffic, including heavy vehicles, moved nearby. After being approached by the biker, the man woke up and appeared disoriented and unsteady. The biker further found that the man was drunk and despite being in that condition, he started his motorcycle and slowly rode away. The Bengaluru Traffic Police are currently tracing the man, as drinking and riding is a serious offence. Many netizens have expressed criticism and concern, admitting that such individuals can cause major road accidents on highways. **— BMB**

## Innovation and IPR to take centre stage at NIMHANS

The Department of Neurosurgery at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) will host a one-day workshop on 'Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) in NeuroScience IPR 2026' on June 6, bringing together experts from academia, healthcare, research and industry to discuss innovation, intellectual property rights (IPR) and indigenous medical technology development in neurosciences. A key highlight of the event will be the launch of the new EndoVascular Research Laboratory at NIMHANS, established with funding support from the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB/ANRF), Government of India.

The inaugural session will also witness the unveiling of the PARICHAY thrombectomy device prototype, developed for acute stroke intervention. The prototype is expected to mark a significant step towards self-reliant neuro-endovascular innovation and affordable stroke-care technologies for low- and middle-income countries. Officials said the event aims to strengthen academia-industry collaboration and advance the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat through indigenous healthcare technology innovation and translational biomedical research. **— BMB**

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# Craters, tankers, gridlock: Domlur's never-ending ordeal

## Residents depend on water tankers while dug-up roads remain unrestored, prompting frustration over prolonged civic disruption across layout

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Civic worke delay in restoring roads dug up

Residents of Domlur Layout have been facing several problems due to delays in restoring roads dug up by the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) for laying underground drainage and Cauvery water pipelines. They complain that indiscriminate digging has turned the area into a nightmare.

"Most residents have been facing a lot of problems due to the delay in restoring the roads that were dug up by the BWSSB. We have been complaining to the BWSSB engineers but nothing has been done to mitigate our woes," said a resident.

Residents have also complained about a shortage of Cauvery water following the laying of new pipelines. They said they have been forced to depend on water tankers. "We have been facing a water problem for more than a month. The BWSSB authorities are assuring us to fix it, but it remains despite repeated reminders," said another resident. Urging BWSSB engineers to complete the work at the earliest, a resident said authorities failed to inform people before digging up roads or restricting traffic movement. "I faced a lot of problems due to the digging of roads and delay in commencing the restoration work. We are not in a position to take out our vehicles because of the worse condition of the roads in the layout. The BWSSB engineers must have taken the residents into confidence before commencing the work. Authorities must complete the work without any delay," a resident said.

Coming down heavily on BWSSB engineers for the delay in restoring roads dug up for laying water and underground drainage pipes, the secretary of the Domlur Layout Residents' Welfare Association said residents had suffered due to the disruption of water supply.

"The BWSSB engineers should have taken up the work in a phased manner. They did not inform the residents about digging down the roads. They dug up most of the roads in the layout in one go. BWSSB engineers must complete the work without any delay for the benefit of residents," the secretary said.

Meanwhile, a BWSSB assistant executive engineer (projects) said restoration work would begin shortly. "We will ensure restoration of all the roads that were dug up. Restoration of the roads will be completed in a few days," the assistant executive engineer said.

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# 'Puncture mafia' on a roll

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Hari Krishna cycles across the city and commonly near Tumakuru, underpass BEl Circle with a magnet to collect nails. He tells BM he has voluntarily removed more than 20 kg of iron nails from various roads so far. He told BM that an average of 2 to 3 kg of nails are found every day on busy roads and service lanes across Bengaluru. Some of the affected stretches include the Hebbal–Goraguntepalya corridor, Nelamangala–Tumkur Road, Hennur Main Road, Madiwala and Hosur Road, as well as Magadi Road and the Byadarahalli area. Hari Krishna alleged that after his nail-collection efforts gained attention on social media, he started receiving threats and intimidation from individuals suspected to be linked to the racket, who would allegedly approach him on scooters. Fearing for his safety, he said he never stopped when confronted and would cycle away as quickly as possible to avoid any encounter. Following these incidents, he has reduced his public visibility and shifted his nail-collection activities to less crowded areas. "I have not stopped picking up nails but now I depend mostly on surprise visits based on social media posts and complaints from commuters. Earlier, I used to openly clean roads, but after threats, I have become more cautious," he said.

About the nearly 20 kg of nails he has collected over the years, Hari Krishna said he previously gave them to sofa and furniture manufacturers for reuse. However, with many businesses now relying on staplers instead of traditional nails, he has found it difficult to dispose of the stock and continues to store it at his residence. He said he is hesitant to sell the nails to scrap dealers, fearing they could eventually find their way back to puncture shops and contribute to the same problem he has been trying to combat.

The issue recently gained renewed attention after a viral video showed citizens collecting nails scattered on a road opposite the Byadarahalli Police Station. Locals alleged that the nails had been deliberately placed to cause tyre punctures and generate business for nearby repair shops.

> **"I have not stopped picking up nails but now I depend mostly on surprise visits based on social media posts and complaints from commuters. Earlier, I used to openly clean roads, but after threats, I have become more cautious** – Hari Krishna

In another post shared on X, citizens raised concerns about a fresh incident on Magadi Road, where volunteers reportedly found several nails strewn across a stretch of road. Residents warned that such acts endanger motorists, particularly two-wheeler riders, and have called for a detailed investigation into the alleged "puncture mafia" operating in the city.

Karnataka State police complaints authority member Mohan Kumar Danappa wrote a formal representation to the city police commissioner last Friday demanding strict action against those deliberately scattering iron nails on roads to damage vehicles and extort money from motorists for puncture repairs. The letter further highlighted that repeated tyre punctures are causing delays, financial burdens and stress for office-goers, students and daily commuters.

# Dangerous drugs: Nasal drops, Vitamin D3 tablets, painkillers, anti-infection solutions

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have been secretly manufacturing and distributing fake tablets and medicines through illegal channels purely to make quick money, despite the potentially life-threatening consequences for patients. Sources said that the fake drug racket came to light during routine inspections and laboratory testing conducted by FSDA officials following widespread complaints regarding the quality of medicines. During inspections carried out across different parts of Karnataka, drug control officials found that medicines bearing names similar to well-known pharmaceutical brands were being sold in the market. Although the medicines carried identical brand names, investigations revealed that the manufacturing companies were entirely different, prompting officials to collect samples and send them for laboratory testing. It was during these tests that the medicines were confirmed to be counterfeit.

According to officials, the Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited (KSMSCL), which functions under the Health Department, procures medicines and medical equipment worth hundreds of crores of rupees every year and supplies them to district hospitals, taluk hospitals, community health centres, primary health centres and urban health facilities.

Medicines supplied by companies that emerged as L-1 bidders in government tenders are stored in corporation warehouses before distribution to hospitals. These medicines are routinely subjected to laboratory testing by FSDA officials as part of quality checks. Sources said that the Health Department has now blacklisted several bogus pharmaceutical companies linked to the supply of fake medicines. Of the total 26 counterfeit medicines detected in the last three years, four cases were reported in 2023-24, 14 in 2024-25 and eight in 2025-26.

A senior official said legal action has been initiated in connection with the fake medicines detected. In some cases, courts have already completed hearings and imposed punishment, while a few serious cases have been referred for deeper investigation. Information regarding the companies involved has also been shared with authorities in the respective states where these firms are based.

Officials pointed out that most of the companies under scrutiny are located in Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Punjab, Telangana and Gujarat, while one Karnataka-based company has also figured in the list. However, despite multiple cases being registered, permission for legal prosecution has reportedly been granted against only six companies so far, delaying action against several others.

The fake medicines identified include nasal drops, Vitamin D3 tablets, painkillers and anti-infection solutions. While adulteration in food products has long been a concern, the discovery of counterfeit medicines inside hospitals and medical warehouses has now triggered fresh anxiety among the public over the safety of essential healthcare supplies.

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# Illegal sex trade: 3 women rescued

The Women Protection Squad of the CCB raided rented houses under the jurisdictions of Bagalagunte, Puttenahalli and Chandra Layout police stations. During the raids, officials arrested one man and three women for allegedly operating a prostitution racket and rescued three women, including one local resident and two from other states.

During interrogation, the man and two women admitted to running prostitution services from rented houses to earn quick money. They contacted prospective customers over the phone and invited them to the rented premises to avail of the illegal paid services.

Officials registered cases against the accused at the Bagalagunte, Puttenahalli and Chandra Layout police stations. Investigators found that another woman allegedly involved in the racket remains absconding, and efforts are underway to trace and apprehend her.

—BMB

# Man loses Rs 5.95 cr to online scam

A 50-year-old man from northwest Bengaluru allegedly lost ₹5.95 crore in a sophisticated online investment scam after being lured into investing through a fraudulent trading platform by individuals posing as financial advisors.

According to a complaint filed with the Cyber Crime Police Station, the victim came across an online trading platform called "PU Prime" through acquaintances discussing investment opportunities. Unfamiliar with trading, he searched online for guidance and contacted a woman identified as Shilpa Shivakumar through Google and Facebook.

Police said the accused gained his trust and offered trading guidance in exchange for a share of the profits. After initial investments and successful small withdrawals, he invested larger amounts, including funds from his wife's account. The platform later showed profits of nearly ₹50 crore. He lodged a complaint, and police launched an investigation.

—BMB

CRIME FILES

# Teen thief linked to 11 cases

Hennur Police Station officials took a juvenile in conflict with law into custody and seised seven mobile phones, four two-wheelers and nine grams of gold worth Rs 4.20 lakh.

According to a complaint filed on May 19, the victim was walking towards their PG on 18th Cross Road in HBR Layout when a person arrived on a two-wheeler, snatched their phone and fled the scene.

Based on the complaint, police registered a robbery case. During the investigation, officials traced a suspect near KEB Junction in Nagawara on May 21 and apprehended him. They also seised the two-wheeler used in the crime.

During questioning, the juvenile confessed to the offence and revealed his involvement in similar crimes. He later led police to stolen vehicles hidden near a playground in Challakere. Police linked him to 11 cases across Hennur, Banaswadi, K G Halli and Shivajinagar police station limits. Authorities have sent him to a juvenile home.

—BMB

## World Environment Day: 2 DAYS to go

# Bengaluru under fiery grip of relentless heat

### Study reveals significant part of city is heat-stressed with over 40°C land surface temperature recorded repeatedly for six or more years between 2014 and 2023

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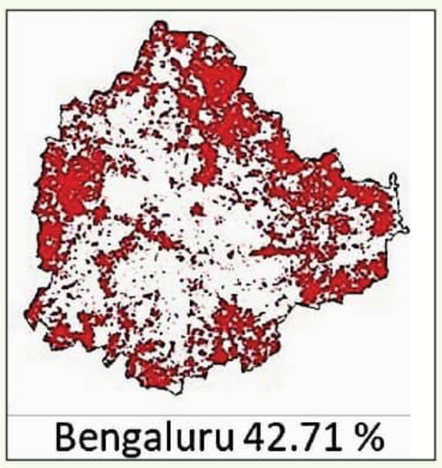
More than 42 per cent of Bengaluru's total area is under heat stress, a spatial analysis conducted by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), a Delhi-based NGO, has underlined.

The study was conducted based on land surface temperature analysis on satellite data for the summer months (March–July) between 2014 and 2023 to map spatial patterns of extreme heat. Areas were classified as heat-stressed when they crossed the IMD-defined threshold, which is 40°C, again and again for six or more years between 2014 and 2023.

The heat-stressed map of Bengaluru shows that such areas, more or less, are distributed across the city. Within the identified heat-stressed zones, researchers focused on outdoor spaces requiring thermal comfort interventions. These included areas with high pedestrian activity, including streets, markets, transit nodes and public gathering spaces where people not only pass through but also wait, interact, work and eat.

According to CSE, such locations disproportionately expose street vendors, daily-wage workers, commuters and other vulnerable groups to prolonged heat stress, making them critical priority sites for targeted interventions.

Reducing sun exposure, enhancing local cooling through nature-based measures, lowering surface heat absorption and managing wind variability are some measures that can be adopted to bring down heat stress in such urban areas, the CSE study highlights. Together, these principles can help urban spaces prioritise measures that directly influence ambient air and surface temperatures, thereby improving overall outdoor thermal comfort.




**Areas classified as heat-stressed (in red) in B'luru, having crossed 40°C in six or more years between 2014 and 2023**

**Outdoor spaces, including streets, markets, transit nodes and areas where people linger, interact and work are said to require thermal comfort interventions (File photo)**

In open areas, shading through trees or built elements can reduce surface temperatures by more than 20°C, further limiting the re-radiation of heat from surface materials. Together, these effects support longer and more consistent use of outdoor spaces, particularly during peak heat hours.

Blue-green infrastructure, including trees, parks, gardens, lakes and ponds, plays a vital role in regulating outdoor heat, experts say. Vegetation cools the surrounding environment through evapotranspiration and shading, while water bodies absorb heat and generate cooler microclimates. Expanding vegetation cover and introducing water features are important to address the issue of land surface temperature.

"Expanding tree cover is a well-established heat mitigation strategy across diverse climatic conditions, effectively reducing temperatures through shading and evapotranspiration. A literature review on the effectiveness of blue–green infrastructure for microclimate regulation found that tree shading can lower surface temperatures by more than 15°C and reduce air temperatures by up to 2.8°C compared to unshaded areas. It is essential, however, to select species that are well-suited to local climatic conditions," the study has noted.

Green roofs to reduce heat accumulation on building surfaces and water features are some other measures suggested to moderate local microclimates by introducing evaporative cooling.

## El Nino could push global temperatures higher

The United Nations weather agency on Tuesday forecast a moderate or possibly strong El Nino that could drive up global temperatures and increase the risk of extreme weather over the coming months.

El Nino is a periodic warming of sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean, which typically lasts between nine and 12 months, according to the World Meteorological Organisation. The WMO said warm ocean waters were fuelling El Nino's development and predicted above-average temperatures in most parts of the world from June to August. The WMO said it is likely El Nino will continue until November.

"We need to prepare for a potentially strong El Nino event - which will exacerbate drought and heavy rainfall and increase the risk of heatwaves both on land and in the ocean," said WMO Secretary-General Celeste Saulo. The most recent El Nino, in 2023-24, contributed to 2024 being the hottest year on record, Saulo added.

"The world must treat it as the urgent climate warning it is. El Nino conditions will pour fuel on the fire of a warming world," said UN Secretary-General António Guterres, urging a shift away from fossil fuels towards renewable energy.

While there is no evidence that climate change increases the frequency or intensity of El Nino events, it can make associated impacts such as extreme heatwaves and heavy rainfall worse, according to the WMO. **Reuters**

# Group raises alarm over elephant welfare at BBP

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Wildlife conservation and welfare organisation Elsa Foundation has urged the Karnataka government to take immediate action against what it describes as ongoing cruelty towards elephants at the elephant safari operated by Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP).

In a formal representation submitted to senior officials of the state's zoo and forest departments, the organisation alleged that elephants, including calves and elderly animals, are routinely forced to remain on display for visitors under direct summer sunlight for extended periods without adequate shade or relief from extreme heat.

According to the Elsa Foundation, its representatives conducted field observations over multiple days and at different times, during which they repeatedly witnessed elephants standing in exposed areas with little or no tree cover.

The organisation claimed that the animals were unable to move away from the heat as they were either chained or otherwise controlled by mahouts.

"The repeated exposure of elephants to extreme summer temperatures without shade is totally unacceptable, highly cruel and must be addressed immediately," said Prakash, founder of Elsa Foundation and a wild animal behavioural ecologist.

The organisation contended that the reported practices are inconsistent with the objectives of a wildlife safari, which should allow visitors to observe animals exhibiting natural behaviours in an environment that prioritises their welfare.

However, BBP authorities say the foundation's observation is factually incorrect.

Surya Sen, Executive Director, BBP, in his letter to the foundation, stated, "It is pertinent to clarify that the elephant area at BBP is a natural forested landscape and the animals are maintained under a semi-free ranging management system, wherein they are not confined to a particular location throughout the day. They are allowed to move out of the designated management area and are not "forcefully exhibited" as alleged. The management protocol adopted at BBP is specifically designed keeping in view the behavioural biology, safety and welfare requirements of elephants. Due to the semi-free ranging nature of the management system and the proximity/interface with wild elephant populations in the adjoining forest landscape, there exists a significant risk of aggressive interactions."

Sen further clarified that none of the elephants at the safari are continuously tethered to a single spot and that they are free to move around, seek shade and regulate their exposure to environmental conditions. He added that the habitat includes access to natural water bodies, allowing elephants to cool themselves naturally.

# Mid-week pizza calling? B'luru's listening

## Wednesdays are fast becoming popular pizza party days

Attractive mid-week offers and value-driven promotions are increasingly influencing dining habits across Bengaluru, with pizza emerging as one of the most preferred food choices among consumers looking for a convenient and affordable indulgence during the workweek.

From buy-one-get-one-free deals and combo meals to exclusive app-based discounts, pizza brands are witnessing strong traction on Wednesdays as customers take advantage of special offers designed to drive weekday demand. For many Bengalureans, ordering pizza has become a regular mid-week tradition.

"Weekdays can be quite hectic, and these offers make it easier to enjoy a good meal without spending too much," said Nisha Reddy, a software professional. "Whenever I see a good pizza deal on an app, I usually place an order. It feels like a small reward in the middle of a busy week."

The city's large working population, particularly young professionals and students, plays a significant role in this trend. With increasing reliance on food delivery platforms, consumers are more aware of discounts and actively time their orders around promotional campaigns. "Most of us keep an eye on offers," said Anand Ramesh, a marketing executive. "If there's a buy-one-get-one promotion or a family combo available on a Wednesday, it becomes an easy decision. We often order together and share the cost."

Industry experts believe mid-week promotions have evolved into an effective strategy for restaurants and pizza chains to maintain customer engagement between weekends.

"Weekends naturally attract high footfall and order volumes, but weekdays require additional incentives," said a food industry analyst. "Pizza brands have successfully created a culture where consumers look forward to mid-week deals. The perception of getting more value for money plays a major role in driving orders."

**Industry-watchers say mid-week promotions have evolved into an effective strategy for restaurants and pizza chains to maintain customer engagement between weekends**

Families are also contributing to the growing demand. "Going out every weekend is not always practical, so we occasionally order pizza during the week," said Rajesh Gowda, a resident of JP Nagar. "The discounts make it affordable for the entire family, and everyone gets something they like." According to hospitality consultants, Bengaluru's digitally connected consumer base is particularly responsive to promotional offers. Notifications from food delivery apps, loyalty programmes and limited-period discounts are encouraging repeat purchases throughout the week.

"Consumers today are highly price-conscious but also convenience-driven. When brands combine attractive offers with quick delivery and a familiar product like pizza, the response is usually very strong. Many customers say the appeal goes beyond affordability," said a restaurateur.

"Pizza is easy to share and works for different occasions," said college student Meghana S. "Whether you're watching a movie, working late or catching up with friends online, it fits perfectly. The offers simply make it even more attractive." Delivery partners have also noticed increased activity during promotional periods. "Whenever major discounts are announced, order volumes go up significantly," said a delivery executive. "Mid-week evenings are often busier than people expect because many customers wait specifically for these offers."

Social media trends also indicate the popularity of pizza among Bengaluru consumers. Posts featuring pizza nights, office celebrations and group orders frequently gain traction, particularly when linked to promotional campaigns and discount announcements. Industry observers expect the trend to continue as brands compete for customer attention in an increasingly crowded food delivery market. **—BMB**

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Hallel Music School organized a grand 'Guinness Achievers Meet' at Victory Auditorium, Hyderabad, to celebrate its historic Guinness World Record achievement.

The record event, conducted on February 2, 2026, witnessed 2,000 keyboard players from 22 countries performing continuously for one hour. Out of them, 777 students were officially recognized for their exceptional performance.

Among the achievers was **Sri. Santhosh MS** son of MS Chandrakala and (Late) MS Sathayanarayana of Bengaluru, who successfully became part of the Guinness World Record. Santhosh MS is currently Working as Tax Inspector, GBA West City Corporation (RO) Office Rajajinagar

Hallel Music School Founder Mr. Augustine Dandingi presented certificates to the achievers and congratulated them for their dedication and achievement.

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# DK SHIVAKUMAR:
## THE LONG ROAD TO KARNATAKA'S TOP POST

DK Shivakumar is set to be sworn in as Karnataka Chief Minister on Wednesday, capping a political journey spanning more than four decades. Rising from student politics in Bengaluru to become one of the Congress party's most influential leaders, he overcame electoral setbacks, legal challenges and political rivalries before being elected CLP leader this year.

**1962**
- Born in Doddalahalli, Kanakapura taluk, to Kempegowda and Gowramma.

**1980–81**
- Began his political career as president of the Bengaluru unit of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI).

**1985**
- At 23, he contested his first Assembly election from Sathanur on a Congress ticket, losing to HD Deve Gowda but emerging as a promising young leader.

**1987**
- Won his first election by securing a seat in the Bengaluru Rural Zilla Panchayat from Sathanur.

**1989**
- Won his first Assembly election from Sathanur on a Congress ticket, entering the Karnataka Assembly for the first time.

**1991–92**
- Served as Minister for Prisons in the cabinet of Chief Minister S Bangarappa.

**1994**
- Denied a Congress ticket, he contested the Sathanur Assembly election as an Independent and won.

**1999**
- Defeated HD Kumaraswamy in Sathanur and was later inducted as Minister for Urban Development and Cooperation in S.M. Krishna's cabinet.

**2002-04**
- Lost the Kanakapura Lok Sabha by-election to HD Deve Gowda and was later left out of the Congress–JD(S) coalition cabinet despite retaining his Assembly seat.

**2008**
- Elected MLA from the Kanakapura Assembly constituency, a seat that would become his political stronghold.

**2014-17**
- Inducted as Energy Minister in 2014 after initially being left out of Siddaramaiah's cabinet, he later faced Income Tax raids and an Enforcement Directorate probe.

**2018–19**
- Served as Minister for Major Irrigation and Medical Education in the Congress–JD(S) government led by HD Kumaraswamy.

**2020**
- Took charge as KPCC president, leading the party's organisational revival and election strategy.

**2026**
- Following Siddaramaiah's resignation, Shivakumar was unanimously elected CLP leader on May 30, 2026, and invited by the Governor to form the government, paving the way for his swearing-in as Karnataka Chief Minister.

# CHANGE OF GUARD

## DK Shivakumar becomes India's richest Chief Minister

As DK Shivakumar prepares to assume office as Karnataka's Chief Minister, he is also set to hold another distinction: that of being the wealthiest serving Chief Minister in the country. According to disclosures in his election affidavit, Shivakumar has declared assets worth ₹1,413 crore, placing him at the top of the list of India's richest state leaders.

Data compiled by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) based on election affidavits show Shivakumar overtaking Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, whose declared assets total ₹931 crore. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay follows with assets worth ₹648 crore. With these rankings, the country's three richest Chief Ministers are all from southern states.

A significant portion of Shivakumar's wealth is tied to real estate and other fixed assets. His affidavit lists immovable assets worth ₹1,140 crore, while movable assets—including cash, investments and other holdings—amount to ₹273 crore. At the same time, he has declared liabilities of approximately ₹265 crore. The latest figures mark a notable shift from ADR's 2025 ranking, which placed Naidu at the top. —BMB

## Traffic curbs announced in B'luru for CM's swearing-in ceremony

Bengaluru Traffic Police have announced extensive traffic restrictions and diversions across the Central Business District (CBD) on June 3, 2026, in view of the swearing-in ceremony of the Chief Minister, scheduled for 4 pm at the Glass House, Lok Bhavan.

The event is expected to draw several dignitaries and VVIPs from across the state and the country. Entry to Lok Bhavan will be restricted to invited guests, while the general public will not be allowed inside the venue. To facilitate smooth movement and ensure security arrangements, traffic restrictions will be enforced from 12 pm to 8 pm on key

Roadsides and walkways across the city are draped in colorful banners, flags, and flexes

roads surrounding Lok Bhavan, including Cubbon Road, Dr BR Ambedkar Road, Race Course Road, Queens Road and adjoining stretches. Only officially authorised vehicles will be permitted on these routes.

Motorists have been advised to use alternative routes and diversions to avoid congestion, particularly on routes towards Hebbal and Kempegowda International Airport.

Parking will be prohibited on several major roads and within Cubbon Park, with designated parking facilities arranged at multiple locations across the city. Additionally, the movement of heavy vehicles within Bengaluru city limits will be prohibited from 12 pm to 10 pm on June 3. Traffic police have urged commuters to plan their journeys in advance, avoid restricted routes and follow diversion advisories to minimise inconvenience. —BMB

## Court steps in, DKS cut-outs come down

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Large cut-outs of Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, erected near the Karnataka High Court premises, were removed after the issue came to the attention of judges during court proceedings.

The cut-outs, reportedly installed by supporters, were erected in the vicinity of the High Court amid ongoing political discussions surrounding Shivakumar's leadership role within the state Congress. Similar displays projecting him as a future chief minister have surfaced in Bengaluru in recent weeks.

During a hearing, members of the judiciary took note of the prominent structures placed near the court complex. Following the court's observations, authorities removed the cut-outs from the area. The displays were reportedly taken down soon after concerns were raised about their presence near the seat of justice.

The incident has renewed attention on unauthorised banners and cut-outs in Bengaluru, particularly near public institutions. It comes amid heightened political activity surrounding DK Shivakumar. No official response was immediately available from Shivakumar or his office. —BMB

## No fly zone declared ahead of Rahul Gandhi visit

In view of the visit of Rahul Gandhi, MP and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, to Bengaluru on June 3, the Bengaluru City Police have declared a temporary No-Fly Zone around the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) office and Hotel Shangri-La.

The order was issued by Commissioner of Police and Additional District Magistrate Seemanth Kumar Singh on June 2 under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). The security measure has been put in place as several VVIPs and delegates are expected to visit the city.

Police stated that, under the order, the operation of drones, UAVs, glider aircraft, small aircraft and non-scheduled aircraft has been prohibited within a 1-km radius of the KPCC office from 6 am to 10 pm on June 3, and around Hotel Shangri-La from 6 am on June 3 until 6 pm on June 4. —BMB

## Last-minute lobbying intensifies as Congress finalises K'taka cabinet

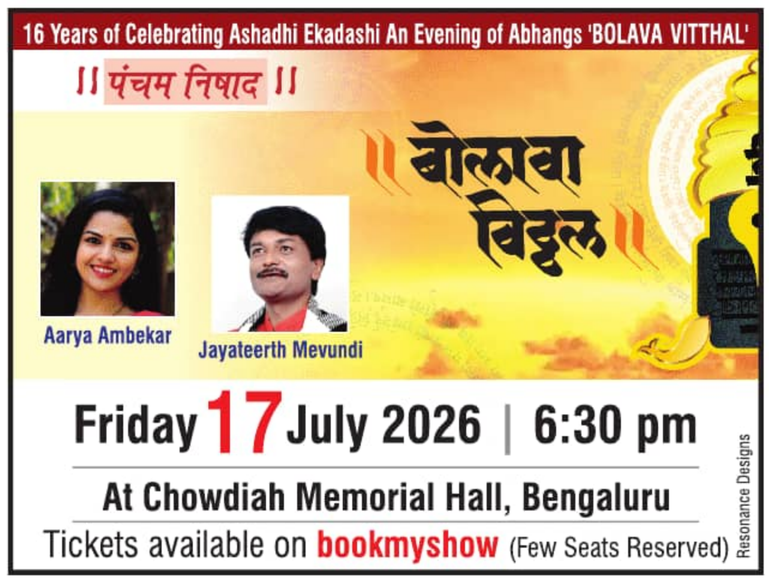
With Chief Minister-designate DK Shivakumar set to take the oath on Wednesday, intense lobbying for cabinet berths has reached a fever pitch in New Delhi as the Congress high command works to finalise its ministerial line-up. A series of high-level meetings involving Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, KC Venugopal, Randeep Singh Surjewala, Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar continued through Tuesday, with competing claims from senior leaders and aspiring first-time ministers adding to the pressure.

Sources said the Congress leadership is balancing experience with fresh faces as it finalises the cabinet. Several aspirants are in Delhi lobbying for berths. Around 10–12 ministers are expected to take oath with Shivakumar in the first phase, though the final list remains under discussion. Both Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah have submitted their choices, with the high command set to take the final call ahead of Wednesday's swearing-in ceremony. —BMB

## Party workers' memo: Gundu Rao for Dy CM

Congress workers from the Gandhinagar Assembly constituency on Tuesday submitted a memorandum to the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC), demanding the post of Deputy Chief Minister for their leader and former minister, Dinesh Gundu Rao. Around 100 Congress workers and activists, including former BBMP corporator T Mallesh, Gandhinagar Block Congress president Saravana, Satyanarayana, Gandhinagar Assembly Guarantee Committee Chairman Umesh Babu, Raghunath, Raj Karthik, Shashi Kumar and Queen Elizabeth Chakravarthy, were present on the occasion. Congress workers urged the KPCC and party high command to appoint Dinesh Gundu Rao as Deputy Chief Minister, citing his contribution to strengthening the party and implementing welfare programmes.

Meanwhile, over 100 Congress workers from Hungund demanded a Cabinet berth for MLA Vijayanand S Kashappanavar, highlighting his developmental work and warning of mass resignations if he was overlooked. —Y Maheswara Reddy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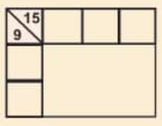
## SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

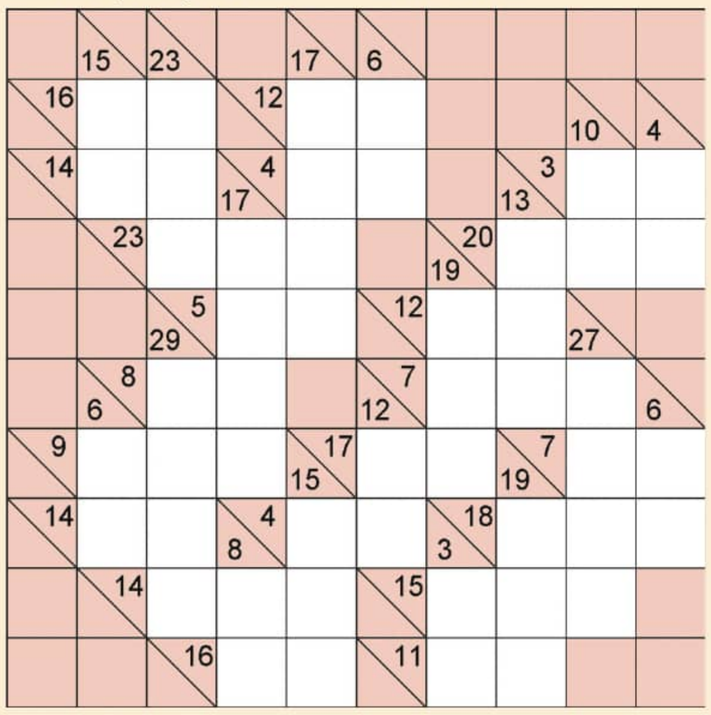
$300^2 + 5^{\wedge}x = 325^2$
x=?

## Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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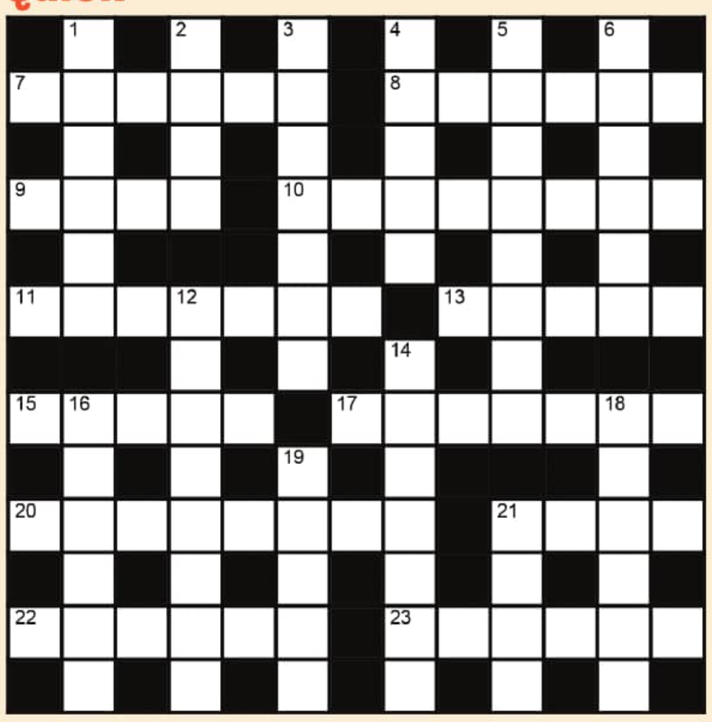


**ACROSS**

7 Shakespearean word of dismissal (6)
8 ____ Lake: Picnic spot north east of the city. (6)
9 Cover with paper (4)
10 Moves up to higher office (8)
11 At a future, unspecified date? (7)
13 Endures (5)
15 The ___ hand : dominance? (5)
17 Causing pain, especially mental agony (7)
20 Mollifying or relieving (8)
21 Price (4)
22 Brooms made from twigs (6)
23 Indicating or identifying (6)

**DOWN**

1 Carry too far (6)
2 Put together (4)
3 Temporary (7)
4 English royal house (5)
5 Sounding similar (8)
6 Very powerful (6)
12 Poll (8)
14 Annoying or pestering (7)
16 Fake (6)
18 Not famous or acclaimed (6)
19 Slightly drunk (5)
21 ___ back : returned? (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: A EQUALS T**
FEYPJRYID FG AVD UPAVDJ PB RZZ DKFZG.

**Linemaro**

Is your dad a king? You sure are a princess

**Mindchow**

Remember that pain has this most excellent quality. If prolonged it cannot be severe, and if severe it cannot be prolonged

**Joke of the day**

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford... then I want to move in with them.

## Loop

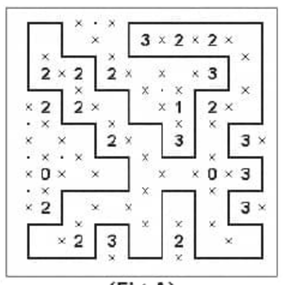
### Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

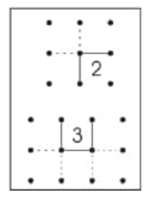
### How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

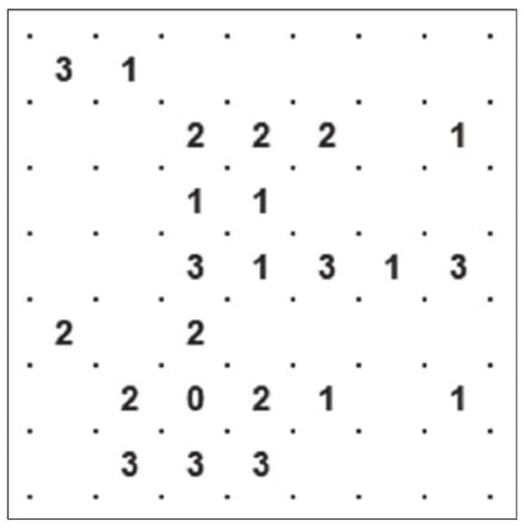
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



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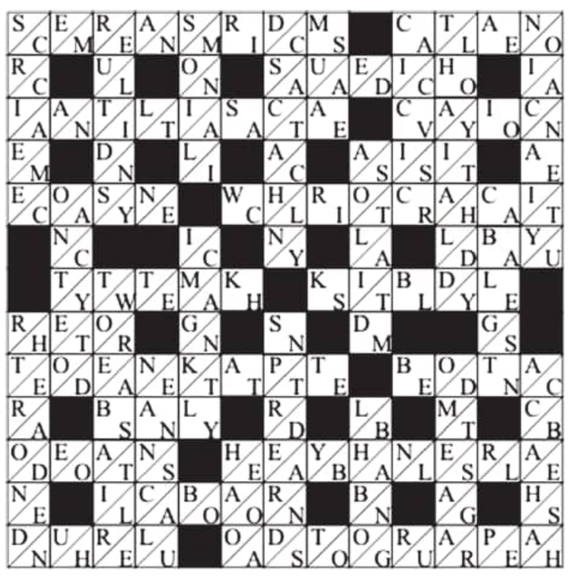
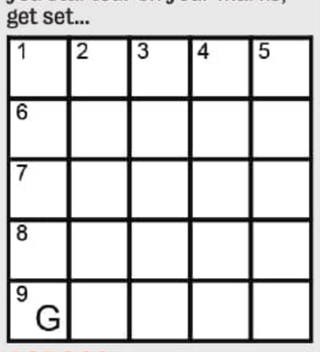


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



**ACROSS**

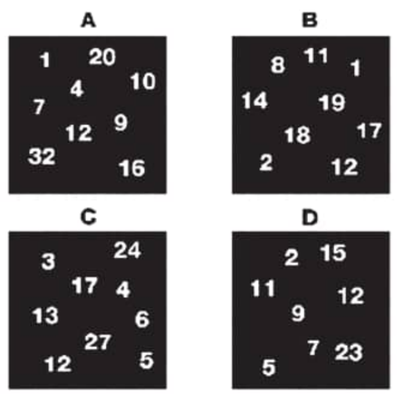
1 Map as; 6 To CIA;
7 Idler; 8 A sail;
9 Lug it

**DOWN**

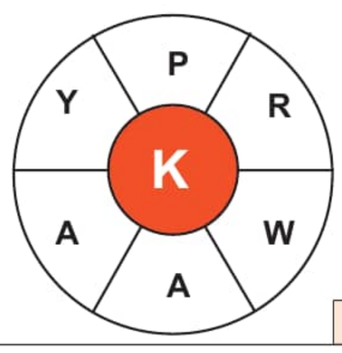
1 Crags; 2 Ilo up;
3 Ail I a; 4 Least;
5 D Mist

## Mensapuzzle

Which box is the odd one out?




## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

**01** Average; **02** Good; **03** Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 5 | 3 | 4 | | | |
| 5 | | 4 | | | | 6 | | 9 |
| | | 2 | | | | 5 | | |
| 3 | | | 6 | | 1 | | | 2 |
| | 6 | | 7 | 9 | 8 | | 3 | |
| 7 | | | 3 | | 2 | | | 8 |
| | | 6 | | | | 4 | | |
| 9 | | 7 | | | | 3 | | 1 |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 9 | | | |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

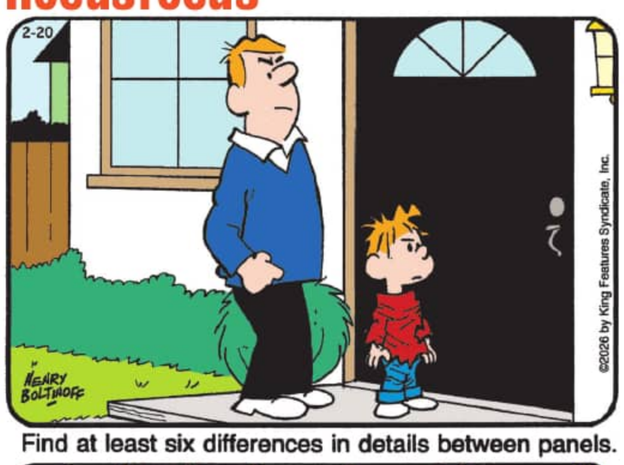
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

**Easy** = 20
2 5 8 9

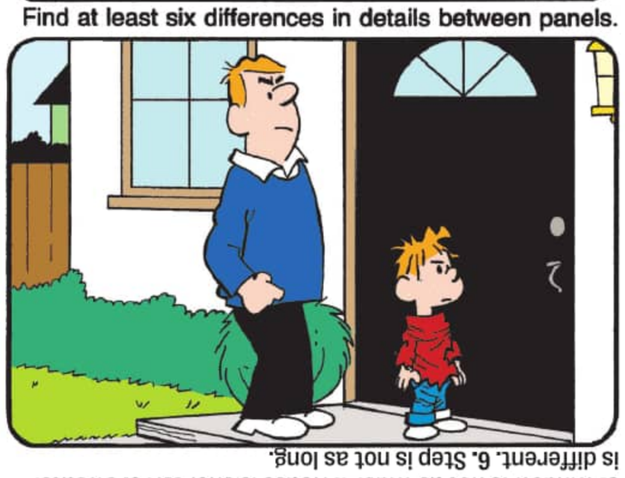
**Medium** = 8
2 3 4 5

**Hard** = 2
1 2 5 8

## Hocusfocus




Find at least six differences in details between panels.



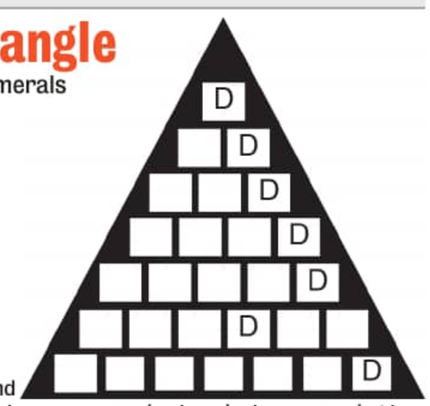
**Differences:** 1. Boy is moved. 2. Door handle is lower. 3. Window is not as wide. 4. House is shorter. 5. Sweater is different. 6. Step is not as long.

## Riddler

Below are incomplete words. Place two letters in each bracket so that you can complete the word on the left and begin the word on the right. Good luck. Sta (—) sture Giraf (—) deral Featu (—) medy

## Alpha triangle

1 500 in Roman numerals
2 Anno Domini
3 Bounder
4 One of a pack
5 Ran swiftly
6 Baby's bed
7 Exonerated

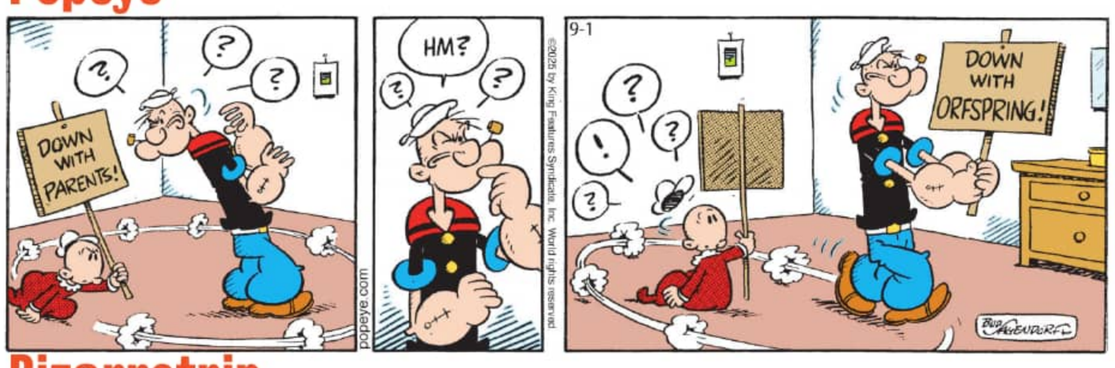



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

# COMICS

## Popeye

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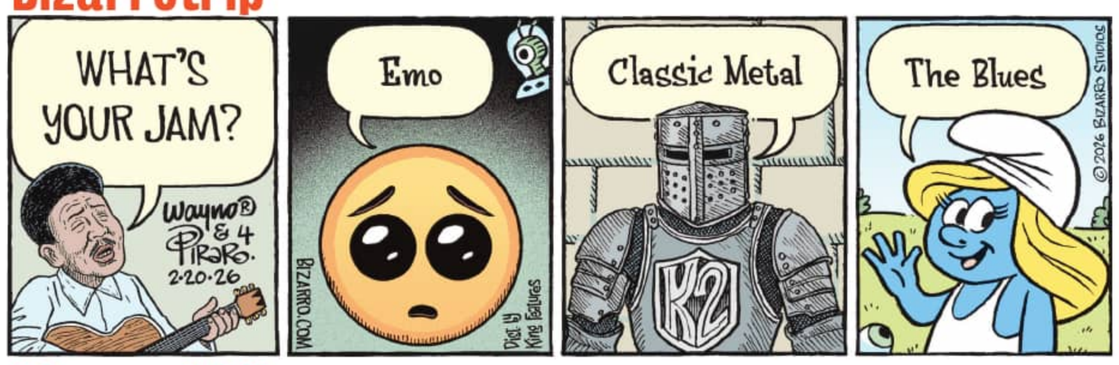


## Diamond Lil

BOY, HERMAN'S OLD GIRLFRIENDS SURE HAD SOME WEIRD NAMES
I ONCE DATED A GUY NAMED PHIL MC CRACKEN
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO PHIL, ANYWAY?
HE BECAME A PLUMBER
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## Hart of the city

SUGOI BACKPACK, TREVOR.
HAHA, THANKS, MS. THOMAS.
SUGOI IS OUT, MS. THOMAS. IT'S IN SLANG HISTORY WITH "THE BOMB DOT COM."
IT'S ONLY BEEN A WEEK!
THAT'S LIKE A MONTH IN STUDENT TIME.
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## Crankshaft

THE WATER IN THIS DISH CAN FREEZE IN THE WINTER, KEVIN...
TO FIX THAT WE'RE GOING TO REMOVE THE WALL THAT YOU SEE THERE...
SO THERE'S ROOM TO BRING THE WATER AND FOOD BOWLS INSIDE AND OUT OF THE WEATHER!
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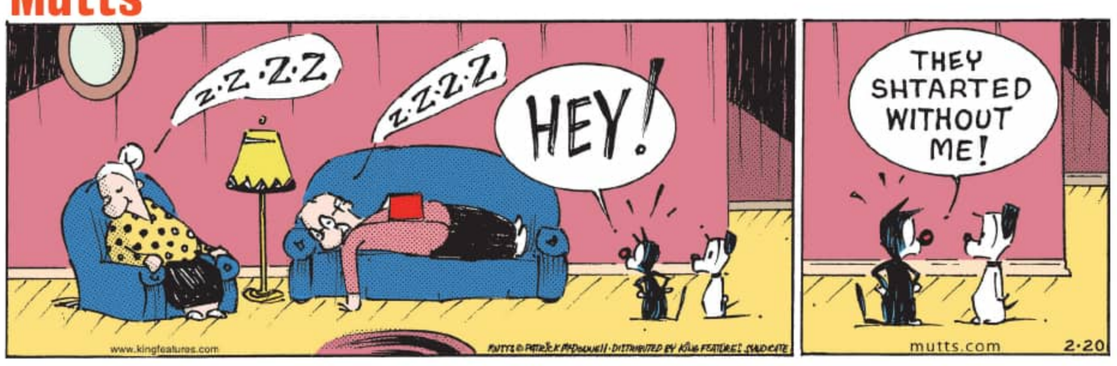
## Mutts




# WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Dr SUNDEEP KOCHAR

## If it's your birthday today

Romance takes center stage as an honest conversation heals an old emotional wound. Career goals demand your focused attention, but a mentor steps in with invaluable guidance. A minor financial risk pays off, giving you room to splurge on a well-deserved luxury. Watch your sleep schedule this week; deep rest is crucial for your upcoming creative surge.

**Aries** Mar 21–Apr 20
Physical activity becomes especially important today, motivating you to move, exercise, or try something energetic. Prioritising your health clears your mind beautifully, boosts confidence, and prepares you strongly for upcoming responsibilities ahead.

**Taurus** Apr 21–May 20
Today encourages focusing on yourself rather than complicated romantic situations. Avoid unnecessary misunderstandings or emotional drama by keeping things simple. Spending time nurturing your own wellbeing brings peace, clarity, and emotional balance instead.

**Gemini** May 21–Jun 21
Clear communication becomes essential today as misunderstandings may arise unexpectedly. Express your thoughts honestly and directly instead of holding everything inside. Open conversations strengthen relationships and help resolve lingering tensions quickly and peacefully.

**Cancer** Jun 22–July 23
Life begins falling beautifully into place today, filling you with optimism and renewed confidence. Positive energy surrounds your path, helping situations improve naturally. Stay hopeful because uplifting changes and joyful experiences are unfolding.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Recent challenges may leave you exhausted today, yet they've also strengthened your resilience tremendously. Focus your energy on future plans and ambitions. Clear priorities and thoughtful preparation guide you toward lasting success ahead.

**Virgo** Aug 24–Sep 23
Your efforts deserve recognition, but patience remains important today. Instead of seeking immediate attention, support and celebrate others gracefully. The right people already notice your dedication, and appreciation arrives naturally at perfect timing.

**Libra** Sep 24–Oct 22
Listening carefully today brings surprisingly valuable insights and opportunities your way. Conversations with friends or acquaintances reveal information that benefits you greatly. Staying attentive and open-minded helps important guidance reach you effortlessly today.

**Scorpio** Oct 23–Nov 22
Patience and kindness become your greatest strengths today, especially during stressful moments. Remaining calm helps situations unfold smoothly while avoiding unnecessary conflicts. Your composed attitude earns respect and creates harmony in challenging environments today.

**Sagittarius** Nov 23–Dec 22
Emotions may feel intense today, making logical thinking especially important. Pause before making decisions and allow practicality to guide you carefully. Balanced choices now protect your peace and help you avoid unnecessary complications later.

**Capricorn** Dec 23–Jan 20
Open communication helps clear mis-understandings and workplace tensions beautifully today. Instead of bottling frustrations inside, address concerns calmly and honestly. Staying composed while expressing yourself strengthens relationships and keeps your professional focus strong.

**Aquarius** Jan 21–Feb 19
An exciting opportunity connected to overseas experiences or broader horizons appears today. Embrace this chance confidently, even if it feels unfamiliar initially. Exploring new paths now opens doors to remarkable future possibilities ahead.

**Pisces** Feb 20–Mar 20
Your schedule feels especially busy today, requiring careful balance and thoughtful pacing. While handling responsibilities successfully, remember to pause and recharge occasionally. Small moments of rest keep you focused, energized, and emotionally steady.

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# SOLUTIONS

**SOLVE IN 1M**
5^x=325²-300²
5^x=(325+300)+(325-300)
5^x=5⁴+5²
5^x=5⁶
x=6

**BULL'S EYE**
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**STRIKE OUT**

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**RIDDLER**
Stage - gesture, Giraffe - federal, Feature - remedy

**QUOTE UNCODE**
Ignorance is the mother of all evils.

**MENSA PUZZLE**
D. The figures in the other three boxes total greater than 100.

**SUDOKU**

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**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
D, AD, Cad, Card, Raced, Cradle, Cleared.

**GO FIGURE**
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Medium
8 - 5 + 1 / 2 = 2
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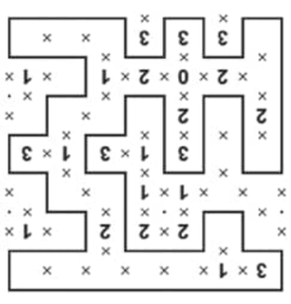
**LOOP**



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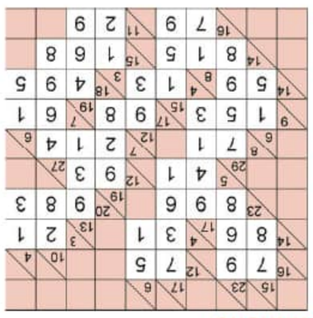

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# Beauty and the backlash

## Actress Madhuri Dixit talks about scrutiny of women over looks, age and more

After spending over four decades in the entertainment industry, Madhuri Dixit has witnessed the changing nature of fame firsthand. While success and admiration come with the profession, the actor believes women continue to face unnecessary scrutiny over their appearance, age and personal choices. Ahead of the release of her upcoming film 'Maa Behen', Madhuri Dixit reflected on how comments about physical appearance remain deeply ingrained in society.

According to her, people are often quick to judge others based on how they look rather than appreciating their accomplishments and individuality. Talking to Mid-Day she shared, "There is sexism and ageism everywhere. Even when you meet people after a long time, they make personal comments like, 'You have become so fat. Your hair has become so grey.' But one cannot forget the contribution of the person, and what they have done in the past. You don't know what's happening in their lives or maybe they are happy the way they are."

The actor stressed the importance of accepting people without reducing them to their age, weight or looks. Madhuri noted that society often overlooks a person's achievements and experiences while focusing on superficial aspects. Sharing her perspective, she said, "Accept people the way they are; remember what she represents rather than commenting on her size or age." Her comments highlight a larger conversation around ageism and sexism, particularly in industries where women are frequently expected to conform to unrealistic beauty standards.

### Madhuri Dixit on choosing work

Rather than paying attention to unsolicited opinions, Madhuri is concentrating on projects that excite her creatively. The actor revealed that she was eager to return to comedy after a string of emotionally intense and dramatic roles. Speaking about 'Maa Behen', she said, "I had not done comedy in some time. The past few offerings were more dramatic, whether it's 'Mrs Deshpande' [2025], 'Maja Ma' [2022], or 'The Fame Game' [2022]. I thought this is the right time for comedy." The upcoming film, directed by Suresh Triveni, marks a refreshing change of pace in her career and allows her to showcase a different side of her craft.

–ETimes

# Don't chase a flat stomach, says Taapsee

Taapsee Pannu who was recently seen in Assi, has opened up about society's fixation on achieving a perfectly flat stomach, urging women not to put themselves through unhealthy extremes in pursuit of unrealistic beauty standards.

Taking to her Instagram Stories on Sunday, Taapsee reflected on her own struggles with body image and revealed how she once pushed herself excessively in an attempt to get rid of lower belly fat.

The actress stressed that women's bodies function differently and are constantly influenced by hormonal fluctuations, making it unrealistic to expect the same appearance every day.

Encouraging women to prioritise health over social media ideals, Taapsee emphasised that a small amount of fat and water retention around the lower abdomen serves an important purpose in women's bodies.

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# 'Filmmaking is an act of service'

Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming Telugu film 'Peddi', feels filmmaking is ultimately an "act of service" for audiences and said that while people may be quick to judge, their opinions are important as they help artists improve their craft and create better work. Talking to IANS about the culture of social media users "writing obituaries" for films without watching them, the actress, who made her Bollywood debut with the film 'Dhadak', said if a film is made with honesty and a good intention, then it reaches the people that it has to. Janhvi told IANS, "I know that people are quick to judge. But at the end of the day, it's an act of service, right?"

She added, "I mean, I think the audience is god and we're only catering and trying to serve them."

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# Alexa's not retiring anytime soon

Alexa Demie has firmly dismissed speculation that she is retiring from acting following the conclusion of 'Euphoria', saying she has no plans to step away from the industry even as her journey as Maddy Perez comes to an end.

The actor, who plays fan-favourite character Maddy Perez in HBO's acclaimed drama series, addressed the rumours in an interview with The Hollywood Reporter. While Demie confirmed she will be saying goodbye to Maddy after the show's finale, she made it clear that her acting career is far from over.

"There are goals, and things that I want," Demie said, adding, "but I'm choosing to keep that private." Keeping details about her next move under wraps, she added, "I like my life like this, and I wouldn't change it."

According to The Hollywood Reporter, rumours about Demie potentially leaving acting originated from comments she made during a 2020 appearance in an interview.

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# Large scale project

The multilingual film Koragajja, originally slated for release last January, has been postponed following the decision to upgrade it to 3D. Work on the conversion is currently underway in Kochi and Chennai.

Directed by Sudheer Attavar, the project began three years ago. In recognition of his dedication, producer Trivikram Sapalya gifted the director a 3BHK luxury flat worth approximately Rs 1.75 crore. "We are planning to release the movie in Chinese, Assamese and English apart from six languages. Some distributors have approached us to release the movie in Hong Kong and Beijing. The budget of the movie has already crossed Rs 40 crore but we are confident of the movie's success," said Sapalya. Attavar hosted a house-warming ceremony on Friday with a Sri Satyanarayana Pooja, followed by a media interaction on Sunday.

# Taking new roles

MN Suresh, popularly known as Moogu Suresh for his work in films, television serials and theatre, is making his debut not only as a director but also as a producer with Kshame Irali Thande (Forgive Me Father). The film, now in its final stages of post-production, is scheduled for release on June 12. A function was held to unveil the motion poster, trailer and lyrical video of the movie. Veteran directors TS Nagabharana and Nagathihalli Chandrashekar, along with producer Umesh Banakar and Ramakrishna, graced the occasion and extended their best wishes to Suresh in his new dual role as director-cum-producer.

Thanking all the guests for attending the function, MN Suresh noted that he has worked as a co-producer for a few Kannada movies. "Now, I am making my debut as a full-fledged producer with this movie. Initially, I had no plan to handle the megaphone but some of my friends and well-wishers insisted that I direct this movie. I invested my savings on this movie. My family members also helped me. As per the title of the movie, it is a film that focuses on bonding between a father and his son. The script was written by Harish. I appeal to all moviegoers to support this movie," said Suresh.